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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF
MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378 (c))**

Docket Number (Optional)

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Application Number 09,960,532

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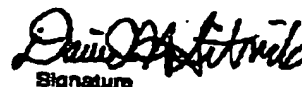
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June 6, 2011

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1. SMALL ENTITY

☒ Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

☐ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)

3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

NOT Small Entity			Small Entity		
Amount	Fee	(Code)	Amount	Fee	(Code)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$	3 1/2 yr fee	(1551)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 490.00	3 1/2 yr fee	(2551)
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4. SURCHARGE

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(f)(2) of \$ 2,450.00 (Fee Code 1555) must be paid as a condition of accepting unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee.

SURCHARGE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 2,450.00

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8. STATEMENT

The delay in payment of the maintenance fee to this patent was unintentional.

9. PETITIONER(S) REQUEST THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED

David H. Strick
Signature(s) of Petitioner(s)

June 6, 2011

Date

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37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."

ENCLOSURES

Maintenance Fee Payment



Surcharges under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)



Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in An Expired Patent;
Fee Address Indication Form; Maintenance Fee Transmittal Form

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 2051 Jamieson Avenue, Suite 300
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Enclosed herewith is the payment of the maintenance fee(s) for the listed patent(s).

- ☐ A check for the amount of \$ _____ for the full payment of the maintenance fee(s) and any necessary surcharge is enclosed.
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* Information required by 37 CFR 1.368(c) (columns 1 & 2). Information requested under 37 CFR 1.368(d) (columns 3, 4, & 5).

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					3.5 yrs	7.5 yrs	11.5 yrs
1	7,110,609	08/060,668	\$480.00	\$2,450.00			
2	7,139,277	08/060,632	\$480.00	\$2,450.00			
3	6,442,135	08/120,672	\$1,240.00	\$2,450.00			
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Subtotals: Columns 3 & 4			\$2,220.00	\$7,360.00			
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Respectfully submitted, "

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PATENT NUMBER (if known)	APPLICATION NUMBER
7,110,689	09/980,668
7,139,277	09/980,532
6,442,135	09/120,672

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☐ Applicant/Inventor

David H. Strick
Signature

☒ Attorney or Agent of record 29,349
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☐ Assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed.
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☐ Assignee recorded at Real _____ Frame _____

June 6, 2011
Date

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